

Monday, December 16, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Guinn presented the credentials of Mr. Beasley, Senator-elect from the Sixth Senatorial District, and thereupon Mr. Beasley came forward and took the oath of office and his seat.

Mr. Burnett presented the petition of sundry citizens of Trinity County asking a change in the charter of the Trinity Valley Railroad. Referred to Committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. Hartley presented the account of E. L. Ufford, which was read and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Burnett presented the memorial of James W. Parker, which was referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Erath, Chairman of Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to extend the time for the return of pre-emption field notes and the payment of dues thereon, with an amendment recommending its adoption and the passage of the bill.

Amendment: "section 2—that all those who have settled on the public domain under an Act to authorize the sale of the public domain and an Act amendatory thereto, approved 1st February, 1860, and all those who may settle under Acts within 12 months from the passage of this Act shall have four years from the passage of this Act to pay the amount prescribed by said laws, any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

Mr. Hartley, Chairman of Committee on State Affairs, reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

A bill to repeal an Act supplemental to an Act to regulate estrays, approved February 5, 1861.

A bill supplemental to an Act to regulate estrays, approved February 5, 1861, approved April 6, 1861, and to revive an Act to regulate estrays, approved February 5, 1850; and an Act approved December 17, 1851, in certain counties hereinafter named.

And a bill to incorporate the Marcelina Bridge and Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill to incorporate the Austin Hook and Ladder Company properly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Houston, chairman of a select committee, reported an Act supplemental to an Act to regulate estrays, approved 6 April, 1861, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Burnett offered a resolution to adjourn *sine die* on Monday, December 23rd, 1861, at 10 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Guinn introduced a joint resolution authorizing and requiring the Governor to call into the service of the State 10,000 men whenever in his judgment the necessities of the State require it to serve for six months unless sooner discharged. Read 1st time.

Mr. Obenchain introduced a bill to amend an Act to amend the 2nd, 5th, 8th, and 9th sections of an Act to authorize the sale of the public domain. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Shelley introduced a bill to amend the 1st section of an Act requiring the return of unconditional certificates to the General Land Office. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A bill to amend the 10th and 23rd sections of an Act to reduce into one and amend the several Acts concerning executions, passed January 27, 1842. Read 3rd time and lost by the following vote, on call of the Senate, Mr. Casey having been excused:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Finlay, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Jordan, Beasley, Reed, Selman, and Shepard—[13].

NAYS—Messrs. Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Durant, Erath, Graham, Houston, Lea, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Scarborough, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—17.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

A bill to perfect the organization of the state troops and place the same on a war footing. Taken up. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Manufacturing Company.

A bill to amend an Act to authorize the County Court of Collin County to levy a special tax for the erection of a court house, therein passed January 7, 1860. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported on bill for the relief of William

V. Hughes, assignee of Jonathan Bird. Correctly engrossed.

A bill for the relief of R. A. Henson. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed unanimously.

A bill for the relief of A. H. Cook. Read 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyd, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Finlay, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, Shepard, and Weatherford—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Durant, Erath, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Beasley, Obenchain, Parsons, Selman, and Wheeler—15.

A bill for the endowment of professorships in colleges. Read 2nd time and lost on its engrossment by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Erath, Finlay, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, and Shepard—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Burnett, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Dickson, Durant, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Beasley, Parsons, Selman, Weatherford, and Wheeler—16.

A bill to amend the 2nd section of an Act to regulate interest. Read 2nd time and passed to a 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to authorize the payment of Cameron County scrip for county license tax due said county for liquor license correctly engrossed.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Manufacturing Company. Read 2nd time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to incorporate the Marceline Bridge and Manufacturing Company. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed, Mr. Boyd voting nay.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Powder Company. Read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Dickson, Erath, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Beasley, Obenchain, Parsons, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, Shepard, Weatherford, and Wheeler—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Crawford of Jasper, Darden, and Burnett—3.

A bill for relief of the heirs of Robert Pearson. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend the 1st and 5th section of an Act to incorporate the East Fork Bridge Company. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed without objection.

A bill for relief of heirs of Harvey Murphy. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Honorable N. M. Burford. Read 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyd, Darden, Dickson, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Harcourt, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Shepard, and Weatherford—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Branch, Burnett, Crawford of Jasper, Durant, Guinn, Hartley, Beasley, Selman, and Wheeler—[10].

A bill for the relief of Peter Norton. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for the relief of William A. Grady. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of a bill supplementary to and amendatory of an Act to incorporate the Memphis and El Paso Railroad Company, which was read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Jordan introduced a joint resolution requesting the Governor to appoint William Edwards, enrolling officer, to enroll a regiment of infantry. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 7½ o'clock P. M.

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Senate met. Roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Beasley was added to Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill for the relief of the Eastern Texas Railroad Company. Read 2nd time. Mr. Parsons offered a substitute

which, with the bill, was referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to amend the Act of Limitations. Read 2nd time and passed over on a call of the Senate.

A bill to validate the official acts of J. M. Connelly, Sheriff of Cass County. Report of committee adverse to the bill adopted.

A bill supplemental to an Act to incorporate the West Fork Bridge Company. Read 2nd time. Amendment of committee adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time.

Mr. Hartley moved to amend by striking out all after the word "limits" in 1st section. Adopted. The bill was then postponed until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

The call of the Senate having been suspended, the bill to amend the Act of Limitations was referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to regulate the time and place of electing Confederate States Senators. Read 2nd time. Mr. Hartley moved to lay on table, which was carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Burnett, Crawford of Jasper, Dickson, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Hartley, Mitchell, Moore, Beasley, Obenchain, Parsons, Selman, and Weatherford—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Branch, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Guinn, Harcourt, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Scarborough, Shelley, Shepard, and Wheeler—12.

Mr. Erath, Chairman of Committee on Public Lands, reported a substitute for a bill for the relief of preemption settlers and recommended its adoption.

A bill for the relief of railroad companies. Read 2nd time. Mr. Weatherford offered the following amendment: "provided that all railroad companies, in order to avail themselves of the benefits of this Act, shall file in the Comptroller's Office their mortgage deeds to all the lands donated to them by the State as additional security for the payment of the prinipal and interest named in said said Act."

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

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